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LAUNDRY.

WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for March 5, 1901.

Highest temperature..... 55 degrees

Lowest temperature..... 35 degrees

Humidity..... 88 per cent.

Wind..... S. by E.

Barometer..... 30.1

Forecast..... Partly cloudy.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Day have returned from their wedding trip, which included a visit to Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

Alexander Melhorn and George H. Scott, for a number of years in the employ of P. B. Finley, have gone to New York, preparatory to purchasing stock for the store which they expect to open.

The severing of the line which bound G. B. Smith to the Pennsylvania Coal company and the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad company is a source of regret to this entire vicinity. Especially is the line a hard one to those who are still in the employ of the two corporations and have been accustomed to meet him daily in a business of social way. Since his departure he has been a chief factor in the direction of the affairs of these companies and in the front rank of the business men of the city. His untiring energy and faithfulness, coupled with great executive ability, made him an official which it will be extremely hard to duplicate. His presence has been so familiar around the various workings for a quarter of a century that his absence hereafter will be distinctly felt. His resignation will work a great loss to these corporations.—Catharine Leader.

Alex. Melhorn and Geo. H. Scott have gone to New York to purchase their stock for their new store, which they expect to open about March 29, at 126 Washington avenue, under the firm name of Melhorn, Scott & Co.

Automobile Sofa Pillows.

Another lot of this new and novel sofa pillow just arrived. Cranner-Wells Company, 130 Wyoming ave.

Rummage Sale.

Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15, in Price building, 126 Washington avenue.

Moser & Coleman's Removal.

On March 29 Moser & Coleman, the leading tailors, will move to 126 Washington avenue.

Ask for Kelly's union crackers.

SALARY OF THE RECORDER.

Story About It Being \$10,000 Is Entirely Unfounded.

In the first edition of an afternoon paper yesterday there appeared a story to the effect that there was an awful possibility that the city recorder to be soon appointed by Governor Stone would have to be paid a salary of \$10,000 a year. No less a person than City Solicitor Vossburg, who certainly knows a "ripper" bill, is authority for the statement that there is not the remotest chance of such a thing.

The "ripper" bill provides that the salary of the recorder shall be \$10,000, but that council may reduce it if they so desire to \$5,000. The argument advanced by the writer of the story in question was that to fix the salary at \$3,000 after the appointment of the recorder would be an act in direct violation of that section of the constitution providing that "now law shall extend the term of any public officer or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments after his election or appointment."

Mr. Vossburg says that this section of the constitution would only apply if council reduced the salary of the recorder after the same had been once fixed by ordinance. The act of fixing the salary at \$3,000, which will be done in the general re-organization ordinance now in course of preparation, cannot be for a moment considered as reducing the recorder's salary, he says. At present there is no salary to reduce until council take advantage of the provision of the bill in this respect.

SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.

Connell Bill Creating a New Federal Court District Is a Law—Approval for It Made.

The Connell bill, creating the new Federal court, was signed by the president on Saturday, but on account of the rush of legislation and the many bills signed by the president during the last days of congress, the federal bill was overlooked by the men who send out news from Washington until queries from this city caused them to look the matter up.

Congressman O'Connell, of Dauphin county, last night telegraphed Senator McCarroll at Harrisburg that the bill was signed, and that it carries with it its own appropriation in this section. The Commercial Gazette, of Pittsburgh, said yesterday: "President McCarroll has approved the Connell bill creating the middle judicial district of Pennsylvania. Hon. R. W. Archibald, of Scranton, will be the judge of the new district at \$5,000 a year for life, and ex-Senator McCarroll, of Harrisburg, the district attorney at \$4,000 a year. The national salary at \$4,000 a year, has not yet been selected. Marshal Leonard, of the Western district, could have it and it was expected that he would be given the place, owing to the fact that his former residence was in Potter county, which is in the new district; but Mr. Leonard claims a residence now in Allegheny county and prefers to remain as marshal of the Western district. A Williamsport man will probably be selected as marshal of this middle district."

HORSES' WILD PRANKS.

Runaway Team Owned by M. P. Rhodes Caused a Big Commotion. Smashed Store Window.

A peculiar runaway took place at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a team of horses owned by M. P. Rhodes, of North Main avenue, broke loose from the light wagon they were drawing, and while one of them continued up the avenue, the other frantically ran down the street, through the big glass window of the vacant store at 323 Washington avenue.

The window was totally ruined, of course, the horse was badly cut about the head and almost had both its forelegs amputated by the razor-like edges of the broken glass, and the wall of the store suffered a big dent and much loosened plaster by the impact of the maddened animal.

The runaway started at Wyoming and Lackawanna avenue, where Mr. Rhodes left the team, as he thought securely hitched, while he entered a store.

At 4 o'clock, however, another runaway occurred, and as a big gray horse drawing a buggy whizzed by them, the North Scranton horses took fright. The first runaway was stopped after going a short distance, but the Rhodes team went several blocks. The horses gave a strong tug, which carried away the hitching post, and the animals started up Lackawanna avenue. The restraining strap broke, and free from hindrance the horses went up to Washington avenue, where they turned and pursued the uneven tenor of their ways up the latter avenue.

Next the Panzer house they collided with a telegraph pole. The vehicle was overturned and the horses stopped for the moment. Almost instantly, however, they broke away from the wagon, and the one horse continued up the avenue to Mulberry street, where he was caught, rather badly bruised by the pole. The other horse ran onto the sidewalk and there knuckled over a commercial traveler who, attempting to dodge the runaway, was climbing a fence. The pedestrian was bruised by his fall, but escaped serious injury.

The horse then put on speed and, with great strides, sprang through the glass window of the store formerly occupied by Donnelly & Co. It was partially stunned by the shock and lost much blood before being taken in charge, with its mate, by Veterinary Surgeon W. S. Decker.

FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

George McAllister Arrested Yesterday on That Charge.

George McAllister was committed to the county jail by Alderman Howe yesterday, in default of \$500 bail, for embezzlement.

Since February 1 last McAllister has been in the employ of J. P. Cummings, grocer, 610 West Lackawanna avenue, as driver and collector. During the past two weeks McAllister collected over \$100 from Cummings' patrons, but neglected to turn over the same to his employer, converting it to his own use instead.

Attention, Thirteenth Regiment.

On return from Washington, send uniforms to be changed to Davis' Steam Dyeing company, 219 Penn avenue. Phone 375.

GOT MONEY
MANY TIMES

TESTIMONY OF MORRIS V. MORRIS.

At Yesterday's Hearing of the Councilmen the Former Common Councilman from the Second Ward Admitted That He Got Cash from P. W. Gallagher, James J. Grier and at the Hotel, Rudolph—Former Councilman With and Schroeder, McAndrew, O'Boyle on the Stand.

The hearings in the bribery cases brought by the Municipal League against Select Councilmen T. C. McElvyn, John J. McAndrew and Thomas O'Boyle and Common Councilman E. J. Coleman were continued before Alderman Fuller yesterday afternoon and some rather sensational features developed, especially during the examination of ex-Common Councilman M. V. Morris, of the Second ward.

Mr. Morris, who was one of the councilmen indicted by the grand jury for bribery and who afterwards resigned from council after entering into an agreement with the league, was the second witness examined. Mr. Newcomb, who conducted the examination, seemed especially anxious to discover something about the doings of the joint fire department committee of council back in 1898, when the purchase of a chemical engine and combination hose and chemical wagon was under consideration.

Mr. Morris said that he was a member of the committee at that time. He had met Charles T. Hallows, the representative of the company which secured the contract, at a meeting of the committee. As far as he knew, Mr. Hallows had made no effort to secure the contract except through the merits of the apparatus which he was selling. He had no knowledge of any of the members of the committee having accepted money, nor had anyone talked to him about receiving money.

HE RECEIVED MONEY.

"Do you deny having received any money from any source while a member of the committee?"

"No, I don't," replied Mr. Morris. "I received money from P. W. Gallagher. He gave me \$50 in the spring of 1898 towards my election expenses and \$25 sometime afterwards."

Mr. Gallagher, he said, was employed at that time by the Scranton Railway company. The money which he received the last time might have been for some luncheon which he had furnished some of the street railway men one night.

He had asked Mr. Gallagher, when he received it, if that was what it was for, and Mr. Gallagher had replied, with a laugh, that it was. "Have you told us of all the money you received while in council?" asked Mr. Newcomb.

"No, I have not. I received \$100 from Common Councilman James Grier in the spring of 1898."

Mr. Grier had given him the money, he said, in city hall on the right upon the appropriation ordinance containing the item of \$17,500 for the repair of the streets, under the Harbor Asphalt contract, which was finally passed.

Grier had met him in the corridor and upon being told that he (Morris) was going to vote for the ordinance, Grier had handed him \$100 in bills, saying, "Here, Morris, is a little something for you."

GOT NO MONEY AT RUDOLPH.

This was the first and only money he had ever received from Grier. Asked if he had received any other money while in council, he said that he had not, except \$25 which had been given him in the Hotel Rudolph. "But I guess you people know as much about this as I do," he said. He repeated several times that the sums he had mentioned were the only sums he had ever received while in council.

In response to queries by Mr. Newcomb, he said that as far as he knew there had been no offer of \$500 or \$50 for each member of the committee, made by Mr. Hallows. He knew nothing about any such sum having been given and divided up among the members. He denied most emphatically having received \$250 himself.

WIRTH SAID NO.

Mr. Newcomb asked him if he had ever received any money or valuable consideration for his vote during his term in council. Mr. Wirth hesitated for nearly two minutes, looked first in one direction and then in the other, and finally deliberately said, "No."

Mr. Newcomb tried to get him to tell why he had hesitated for so long, but

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London Creams, package..... 10c

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Salted Banquet Wafers, package..... 15c

Cocoanut Macaroons, package..... 25c

Sugar Wafers, (all flavors) package..... 25c

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\$25.00 for the Best Story.

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\$5.00 for the Third Best.

A LITERARY COMPETITION WHERE EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO WIN.

In view of the fact that considerable time has been spent in the past few days in the preparation of the local prize for the best short story, the Tribune has decided to offer a series of prizes as a stimulus to the direction. It is deemed of course for the columns a number of short stories dealing with local topics. In order to furnish the best possible material, a list of \$25 for the best story of 100 to 500 words in length.

\$10 for the second best story, and \$5 for the third best story.

Manuscripts not accepted in writing one of these prizes will be returned and only credited if the author so desire.

Stories dealing with local topics and local history will be preferred. In connection with every story the writer should include a short paragraph, giving the name of the author, his address, and other details, including the name of the author, his address, and other details, including the name of the author, his address, and other details.

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